AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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62. (Currently Amended) An application collaboration system, comprising:

a central registry for maintaining configuration information for various components in the system, the configuration information comprising a first set of configuration information and a second set of configuration information; and

a first interface and a second interface, the first interface configured to communicate with a first application, and the second interface configured to communicate with a second application, wherein the first and second applications are not capable of communicating directly with each other, wherein the first and second interfaces are coupled to each other and to the central registry via a communications medium for enabling communication therebetween, wherein the first interface is ~~capable of receiving~~ operable to receive the first set of configuration information from the central registry and ~~implementing~~ implement the first set of configuration information to operate in accordance therewith, wherein the second interface is ~~capable of receiving~~ operable to receive the second set of configuration information from the central registry and ~~implementing~~ implement the second set of configuration information to operate in accordance therewith, and wherein the first interface and the second interface are ~~capable of communicating~~ operable to communicate with each other, without ~~interacting with~~ using the central registry as an intermediary, to enable information to be exchanged between the first and the second applications.

63. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 62, wherein the first interface is ~~capable of sending~~ operable to send an update request to the central registry for a first set of updated configuration information, ~~receiving~~ receive the first set of updated configuration

information from the central registry, and ~~implementing~~ implement the first set of updated configuration information to operate in accordance therewith, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it operates.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the first application.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the first application.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the first application.

67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it performs load balancing.

68. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to implement a different set of business logic.

69. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 63, wherein the second interface is ~~capable of sending~~ operable to send an update request to the central registry for a second set of updated configuration information, ~~receiving~~ receive the second set of updated configuration information from the central registry, and ~~implementing~~ implement the second set of updated configuration to operate in accordance therewith, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it operates.

70. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the second application.

71. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the second application.

72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the second application.

73. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the

manner in which it performs load balancing.

74. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to implement a different set of business logic.

75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the central registry comprises a user interface for enabling a user to change the first set of configuration information into the first set of updated configuration information, and to change the second set of configuration information into the second set of updated configuration information.

76. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 62, wherein the central registry is ~~capable of sending~~ operable to send an alert to the first interface indicating that the first set of configuration information has been changed, and ~~sending~~ send a first set of updated configuration information to the first interface, and wherein the first interface is ~~capable of receiving~~ operable to receive the first set of updated configuration information from the central registry, and ~~implementing~~ implement the first set of updated configuration information to operate in accordance therewith, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it operates.

77. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 76, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the first application.

78. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 76, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the first application.

79. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 76, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the first application.

80. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 76, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it performs load balancing.

81. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 76, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to implement a different set of business logic.

82. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 76 wherein the central registry is further ~~capable of sending~~ operable to send an alert to the second interface indicating that the second set of configuration information has been changed, and ~~sending~~ send a second set of updated configuration information to the second interface, and wherein the second interface is ~~capable of receiving~~ operable to receive the second set of updated configuration information from the central registry, and ~~implementing~~ implement the second set of updated configuration information to operate in accordance therewith, wherein

implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it operates.

83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the second application.

84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the second application.

85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the second application.

86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it performs load balancing.

87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to implement a different set of business logic.

88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the central registry comprises a user interface for enabling a user to change the first set of configuration information into the first set of updated configuration information, and to change the second set of configuration information into the second set of updated configuration information.

89. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 62, wherein the central registry is ~~capable of storing~~ operable to store the configuration information in both a first registry and a redundant registry, and wherein the central registry is ~~capable of using~~ operable to use the redundant registry if the first registry is unavailable.

90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 62, wherein the first interface comprises a first interface module for interfacing with the first application, and a first interface queue for storing information that is received from or sent to the first application, and wherein the second interface comprises a second interface module for interfacing with the second application, a second interface queue for storing information that is received from or sent to the second application, and a third interface module for processing information stored in the first and second interface queues to enable information to be exchanged between the first and the second applications.

91. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 90, wherein the first interface module is ~~capable of receiving, processing, and storing~~ operable to receive, process, and store a first set of information from the first application into the first interface queue, wherein the third interface module is ~~capable of extracting and processing~~ operable to extract and process the first set of information from the first interface queue and ~~storing~~

store a second set of information into the second interface queue, and wherein the second interface module is ~~capable of extracting and processing~~ operable to extract and process the second set of information from the second interface queue, and ~~interacting~~ interact with the second application to enable information to be exchanged between the first application and the second application.

92. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 90, wherein the second interface module is ~~capable of receiving, processing, and storing~~ operable to receive, process, and store a first set of information from the second application into the second interface queue, wherein the third interface module is ~~capable of extracting and processing~~ operable to extract and process the first set of information from the second interface queue and ~~storing~~ store a second set of information into the first interface queue, and wherein the first interface module is ~~capable of extracting and processing~~ operable to extract and process the second set of information from the first interface queue, and ~~interacting~~ interact with the first application to enable information to be exchanged between the second application and the first application.

93. (Currently Amended) In a system comprising a central registry for maintaining configuration information for various components in the system, a first interface coupled to communicate with a first application, and a second interface coupled to communicate with a second application, a method for enabling the first and second applications to exchange information, comprising:

receiving, by the first interface, a first set of configuration information from the central registry;

implementing, by the first interface, the first set of configuration information to cause the first interface to operate in accordance therewith;

receiving, by the second interface, a second set of configuration information from the central registry;

implementing, by the second interface, the second set of configuration information to cause the second interface to operate in accordance therewith; and

communicating, by the first and second interfaces, with each other to enable information to be exchanged between the first and the second applications, wherein the first and second interfaces communicate with each other without ~~interacting with~~ using the central registry as an intermediary.

94. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 93, further comprising:

sending, by the first interface, an update request to the central registry for a first set of updated configuration information;

receiving, by the first interface, the first set of updated configuration information from the central registry; and

implementing, by the first interface, the first set of updated configuration information to cause the first interface to operate in accordance therewith, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it operates.

95. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 94, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the first application.

96. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 94, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the first application.

97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 94, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the first application.

98. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 94, further comprising:

sending, by the second interface, an update request to the central registry for a second set of updated configuration information;

receiving, by the second interface, the second set of updated configuration information from the central registry; and

implementing, by the second interface, the second set of updated configuration information to cause the second interface to operate in accordance therewith, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it operates.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the second application.

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the second application.

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the second application.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 93, further comprising:

sending, by the central registry, an alert to the first interface indicating that the first set of configuration information has been changed;

sending, by the central registry, a first set of updated configuration information to the first interface;

receiving, by the first interface, the first set of updated configuration information from the central registry; and

implementing, by the first interface, the first set of updated configuration information to cause the first interface to operate in accordance therewith, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it operates.

103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 102, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the first application.

104. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 102, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the first application.

105. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 102, wherein implementing the first set of updated configuration information causes the first interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the first application.

106. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 102, further comprising:

sending, by the central registry, an alert to the second interface indicating that the second set of configuration information has been changed;

sending, by the central registry, a second set of updated configuration information to the second interface;

receiving, by the second interface, the second set of updated configuration information from the central registry; and

implementing, by the second interface, the second set of updated configuration information to cause the second interface to operate in accordance therewith, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it operates.

107. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it processes information that is sent to or received from the second application.

108. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it translates information received from the second application.

109. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, wherein implementing the second set of updated configuration information causes the second interface to change the manner in which it reformats information received from the second application.